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SUBJECT: GOM INTEREST IN ACQUIRING U.S. EXCESS PROPERTY.

REF: STATE 067258,

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA INQUIRY REGARDING
THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF U.S. EXCESS PROPERTY, THE EMBASSY
PROPOSES TO GIVE FOREIGN SECRETARY ABELA A PIECE OF PAPER
WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA MAY WISH TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE
IN THE PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN EXCESS US PROPERTY. AS PROVIDED
FOR IN AID HANDBOOK 16, THE FIRST STEP IN THIS PROCESS IS TO
SUBMIT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE AGENCY FOR
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) TO FACILITATE ACQUISITION. THE
EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH A REQUEST WOULD RECEIVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE.

THE REQUEST TO AID FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO ACQUIRE
EXCESS U.S. PROPERTY SHOULD INCLUDE THREE COPIES OF A LIST OF
THE SPECIFIC PROPERTY WHICH THE GOM WISHES TO PURCHASE INDICATED
THE FEDERAL SUPPLY GROUP CODE NUMBER, AS IN ATTACHMENT D
TO AID HANDBOOK 16). BECAUSE OF THE RAPID TURNOVER IN
EXCESS PROPERTY INVENTORY, ACQUISITION OF THE ITEM, ONCE
APPROVED, MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN A GIVEN PERIOD OF TIME;
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OPEN END NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT FEASIBLE. NOR IS IT
FEASIBLE TO INITIATE A REQUEST FOR THE ACQUISITION OF U.S.
EXCESS PROPERTY IF ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF PROPERTY IS
INVOLVED.

THE COST TO THE GOM OF SUCH PROPERTY IS THAT OUTLINED IN
CHAPTER 6 OF AID HANDBOOK 16, I.E. SERVICE AND SHIPPING

CHARGES, WHICH ARE, RESPECTIVELY, APPROXIMATELY 4 PERCENT AND 15 PERCENT OF THE ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST (OAC). PLEASE NOTE THAT DEPRECIATION IS NOT A FACTOR IN DETERMINING OAC. REQUIREMENTS TO UTILIZE U.S. FLAG SHIPPING ARE APPLICABLE. END QUOTE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: BECAUSE THE EMBASSY WISHES TO BE EXACT IN ITS WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE GOM INQUIRY REGARDING THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF U.S. EXCESS PROPERTY - RAISING NO FALSE HOPES AND LEAVING NO LOOPHOLES WHICH THE GOM MIGHT EXPLOIT AT A LATER DATE - WE WOULD LIKE THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN THE PROPOSED REPLY. WE WOULD SPECIFICALLY LIKE GUIDANCE ON HOW FAST THE GOM CAN DETERMINE AN ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL OAC OF PROPERTY IN WHICH THEY HAVE AN INTEREST IN ACQUIRING.

3. AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. LAINGEN

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